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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicants hereby enclosed a copy of the English translation of the Japanese language PCT International Preliminary Examination Report that was submitted with the initial filing. The referenced art is already of record.

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attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement, and before the first action on the merits. Therefore, we believe there are no fees involved with this Information Disclosure Statement. In the event there are additional fees payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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